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TAGS: PFOR, MARR, ET

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON KAGNEW STATION

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR NOON PRESS BRIEFING  
JUNE 25 ( WHICH NOT HELD) ON AN IF- ASKED BASIS:

QTE QUESTION: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF KAGNEW STATION?

ANSWER: KAGNEW IS A LINK IN OUR WORLD- WIDE DEFENSE  
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. IT IS OPERATED UNDER  
AN AGREEMENT WITH ETHIOPIA SIGNED IN 1953, WHICH  
RUNS UNTIL 1978 AND MAY BE TERMINATED THEREAFTER  
WITH A YEAR'S NOTICE BY EITHER PARTY. LEASES SIGNED  
UNDER THE AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED WITH ONE YEAR'S  
NOTICE. COMMAND OF THE STATION WILL PASS ON JULY 1  
FROM THE ARMY TO THE NAVY. DURING THE PAST 18  
MONTHS, ADVANCES OF TECHNOLOGY HAVE MADE POSSIBLE  
A REDUCTION IN AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN  
PERSONNEL AT KAGNEW FROM 1600 TO ABOUT 900. IT IS

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EXPECTED THAT THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATION UNDER  
NAVY COMMAND AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES WILL ALLOW  
FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION THIS YEAR. OUR  
OPERATIONS AT KAGNEW, AS AT SIMILAR STATIONS THROUGH-  
OUT THE WORLD, ARE CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW. END QTE.

2. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE ABOVE IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS  
QUERIES. ROGERS

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